

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the heading on page 1, line 1, consisting of the word "Description"

Please add the following prior to the paragraph that starts on page 1, line 6, and begins with the words "The present invention relates ...":

BACKGROUND

Please add the following prior to the paragraph that starts on page 3, line 28, and begins with the words "It is therefore an object ...":

SUMMARY

Please delete the paragraph that starts on page 3, line 34, and ends on page 3, line 38, and begins with the words "This object is achieved ..."

Please add the following prior to the paragraph that starts on page 7, line 25, and begins with the words "Exemplary embodiments of the ...":

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following prior to the paragraph that starts on page 8, line 1, and begins with the words "In the drawings, ...":

DESCRIPTION